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John A. Scocos Column: Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls Turns Two

MADISON - Time flies. The Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls is turning two years old!

On February 4th, 2013, we proudly opened the doors of the home at Chippewa Falls to our first members. Within 5 months we were completely full and a waiting list for immediate admission started. For many years we had been hearing from veterans in this area and we knew that there was a great demand for a veterans home in northern Wisconsin.

As we were planning for this facility, we focused on fulfilling the qualities that families look for in a good 24 hour skilled nursing care: privacy of rooms, ample amenities and home-like surroundings, quality care, and delicious food. We knew we could bring all of this and more to Chippewa Falls, and based on member feedback, we definitely deliver superior results in all areas.

Of course, providing top quality health care is our primary goal. For the past two years we worked hard to offer the complete range of skilled nursing services to our members. We are proud of the staff that we have at Chippewa Falls and the way they care for every person who chooses to live with us.

Thank you all for being a part of our first two years at Chippewa Falls. In this time, we have had the great pleasure of getting to know many of our state's veterans. We have listened and learned from them as they tell us their stories about their time in service. These veterans have made this state and country what it is today and everything they share with us is invaluable.

We look forward to being a part of this community and to providing the safest and best quality care to our nation's heroes for many more years to come. Happy 2015!

(John A. Scocos is the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. He is an Iraq War veteran.)